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" (*b*) The remarks of the Board of Revenue have been called for and they are awaited."

SRI K. GOVINDA RAO :—" ఈ సమస్య చాలాకాలంగా ఉన్నదని ప్రజలు అనేక పర్యాయాలు ప్రభుత్వం వారికి విజ్ఞప్తులు పంపుతున్నారనే విషయాన్ని దృష్టిలో పెట్టుకొని వెంటనే చర్యలను తీసుకొంటారా ? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Yes Sir. Surely."

*State aid to the Madras Vanaspathi, Limited.*

* 435 *Q*.—SRI V. GOPALA GOUNDER (on behalf of Sri V. R. Nagarajan) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(*a*) what is the amount advanced by the State Government for the Madras Vanaspathi, Limited, as help under the State Aid to Industries Act; and

(*b*) whether the Vanaspathi Plant at Villupuram has started production?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM (on behalf of the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour) :—" (*a*) The Madras Vanaspathi, Limited, Madras, have been granted a loan of Rs. 10 lakhs under the provisions of the State Aid to Industries Act.

" (*b*) No, Sir."

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" May I know why they have not started production? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I do not have the information."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Question No. 436."

SRI A. GOVINDASAMY NAYAGAR :—" Question No. 435 is an important question and I wish to put a supplementary question."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Everything that comes up before the House is important."

*Alleged famine conditions in parts of West Godavari district.*

* 436 *Q*.—SRI M. RAJESWARA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any representations from the public and the Collector, West Godavari, stating that serious famine conditions are prevailing in Chintalapudi, Kovvur and Polavaram taluks of West Godavari district;

(*b*) whether the Hon. Minister for Rural Welfare, who toured these taluks, reported to the Government that famine conditions are really prevailing and also has given a Press statement to that effect; and

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(c) if so, whether the Government have provided any relief works there?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (a) The Collector of West Godavari reported in September 1952 that on account of the deficiency of the South-west monsoon and the consequent contraction in agricultural operations there was a good deal of unemployment among labourers and small ryots in Chinthalapudi taluk and also in Polavaram taluk and in the northern parts of Kovur taluk. Since then conditions are reported to have improved in the district.

" (b) The Minister for Rural Welfare has not made any special report to the Government or any Press statement after his tour in West Godavari district. He only told the Press about the conditions in Rayalaseema districts and in upland areas in Circar districts.

" (c) The Collector has been instructed to take up normal works under the Minor Irrigation, Rural Water Supply, etc., schemes. An allotment of Rs. 2·36 lakhs has since been sanctioned for taking up Minor Irrigation works in the districts."

*Representations from Sri P. C. Raju, Cuddapah, regarding allotment of land to a political sufferer.*

*437 Q.—SRI T. VISWANATHAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether a representation, dated 9th August 1952, from Sri P. C. Raju of Cuddapah was received by the Government complaining about undue preference shown to a Minister (named therein) in the allotment of land as a political sufferer and in giving extra water facilities at public cost; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (a) No.

" (b) Does not arise."

*Malaria allowance to local board employees in Rapur taluk, Nellore district.*

* 438 Q.—SRI S. VEMIAH : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received any representation regarding the financial assistance to be given to the local board employees working in Rapur taluk of Nellore district towards the Malaria allowance with reference to G.O. Ms. No. 1372, Finance, dated the 19th December 1952; and

(b) if so, the stage at which the matter stands?

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" (a) Yes.

" (b) The matter is under consideration."